

Extension to Teleserial 'Chanakya'

3221. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tele-serial Chanakya
has been granted an extension upto 47
episodes;

(b) whether the extension has been
granted against the advice of the Door-
darshan authorities and despite protest by
various organisations; and

(c) the number of episodes originally
suggested by the producer and those cov-
ered by the original sanction by the Door-
darshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Extension, if any, is granted
by Doordarshan after taking into account the
merit of each proposal e. g. the story line,
thematic value popularity of the serial among
the viewers etc.

(c) Twenty Six.

Profits Earned by ITDC Hotels

3222. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether on account of devaluation
of rupee in July, 1991, the Indian Tourism
industry and ITDC hotels have been bene-
fited;

(b) if so, the loss/profit earned by ITDC
during the last three years and particularly
during the last six months of 1991; and

(c) the steps Government propose to
take to improve the profitability for 1992?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCIN-
DIA): (a) There has been an upward trend in
tourist arrivals coinciding with the devalu-
ation of rupee in mid 1991 which has bene-
fited Indian Tourism Industry, including ITDC
in general.

(b) The requisite information is as un-
der:—

Year	Profit (before tax) (Rs. in lakhs)
1988-89	967.83
1989-90	1139.73
1990-91	238.70
1991-92 (Prov.) (July 91 to Dec 91)	355.70

(c) The steps taken by ITDC to improve
profitability of its hotels inter-alia include
improvement, man-power training, market-
ing and reservation tie-ups, advertising etc.

**Environmental Clearance to power
Plants**

3223. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
Will the Minister of POWER AND
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY
SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting between the
Power and Environment Ministers chaired
by the Prime Minister for environment clear-
ance power project was held recently;

(b) if so, whether any broad policy has
been sorted out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?